#### **Gift Aid Declaration**

If you are a UK tax payer, please complete a Gift Aid form which enables us to claim 25% from the taxman on all of your giving - this means we receive an extra  $\pounds 2.50$  for every  $\pounds 10$  you give, at no extra cost to you.

#### **Standing Order**

You can set up a standing order with your bank to give to the church on a regular basis. This is the easiest method of regular giving, as the payment goes through automatically, and enables us to receive your gift even when you are not able to be here in person.

#### **Envelope Scheme**

You can also give by putting a Gift Aid envelope in the collection plate each week. If you can give regularly in this way, please indicate that on the Pledge form. Do remember that we rely on receiving your gift, so please try to set it aside even when you are not able to come to church, and bring it along with you when you can.

#### Remember the church in your Will

Leaving a legacy to the church in your will is a way of thanking God for all you have shared with us here and helping us to continue that work in the future. If you would be interested in doing this, let us know and someone will get in touch with you. More details are available online at **www.churchlegacy.org.uk** 

#### Join our team of Volunteers

In addition to financial commitments, we are also looking for people to join our teams of volunteers who carry out various roles within the church, especially during our Sunday services. If you would like to get involved, please indicate your area of interest on the Volunteering form.

### Saint Paul wrote,

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)



#### **ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER**

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#### **OUR MISSION**

The people of All Hallows come together to worship God, pray for the world, challenge injustice and provide a Christian welcome, sanctuary and inspiration for all those who work around or visit Tower Hill.

There has been a church on this site for nearly 1,400 years, and our Grade 1 listed building and its strategic location on Tower Hill are integral to the City of London, playing an important part in the lives of countless people over many generations.

It is our mission to ensure that this sacred space is used to help people encounter God and grow in faith, and to preserve it for future generations, both as a place of worship and a focus for the local community. Over the next five years we aim to see significant growth in our parish life by:

### **Looking Upwards**

Deepening our faith in God and growing as disciples and ambassadors, through ...

- teaching in sermons and discussion groups
- developing our individual and corporate worship and prayer life
- training and equipping people for specific tasks

### Looking Outwards

Sharing our faith in God with those around us, by ...

- developing our outreach to the local community through our listening service, chaplaincy etc
- being creative with our tourism, education and social media strategy
- bringing our friends along to services and events

# Looking Inwards

Demonstrating our faith in God by caring for one another and our church, through  $\ldots$ 

- emphasis on 'every member' ministry
- careful maintenance and use of church buildings
- good stewardship and financial management

#### WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

In order for our mission to become a reality, we need the shared commitment of our congregation members through the stewardship of our time, skills and money.

Stewardship is about giving back to God out of his gifts to us. In order to meet our current commitments and to achieve new growth as part of our vision for the parish, we need the support of all our members. We are challenged to be generous in every aspect of our lives - it's not just about money, but also about offering our hospitality, time and skills in our church, home, workplace and community.

Regular committed financial giving enables us to plan strategically for the future. To maintain our building and provide the necessary staffing and resources, we need to have a regular income on which we can rely.

In addition to financial support, we also depend on the time and energy of our volunteers to help with the day to day life of the parish. Consider how much time you might be able to offer and in which areas of ministry, and then sign up to join our team of helpers.

# WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR MONEY?

Contrary to popular belief, churches do not receive money from central funds. Instead, a significant proportion of our expenditure goes to the Common Fund, which is paid to the diocese. This pays for clergy salaries, housing, pensions, training, central diocesan costs and supporting mission in deprived areas.

Nearer to home our outgoings include the day to day running of the church - liturgical costs, music, staffing, heating and lighting, insurance, resources, building maintenance, hospitality and many other things. If you want to know the specifics, our annual accounts are available from the church office.

# WHAT CAN I GIVE?

Giving is an expression of our faith, and it should be as natural to us as praying, reading the Bible or going to church. So we need to think carefully and prayerfully about this, and then give as generously as we can.

#### **Give Thanks**

Give thanks for everything with which God has blessed you and try to do this regularly, as the more often we give thanks, the more we realise just how much we have been given.

## **Give Regularly**

One-off gifts are, of course, always welcome, but if you are able to commit or recommit to giving regularly, it does make it easier to plan ahead. The amount you give is between you and God but do pray about it, be informed and be realistic in your giving. Review your giving in other areas too, such as time or hospitality.

### **Give Generously**

It is because we have received so generously from God that we are free to be generous in return. The General Synod recommends giving 5% ( $\pounds I$  in  $\pounds 20$ ) of our after-tax income to the Church, and a similar amount to other work that helps to build God's kingdom.

### **Give Yourself**

Be involved with the organisations which you support. Spend time praying for the work of our church and that of the other causes you support. Keep up to date with what is happening so that your prayers and your giving are properly informed. Consider ways in which you can get involved, and volunteer your time and your skills whenever you can.

### HOW DO I GIVE?

Spend some time praying about your commitment to God, both in terms of money, time and skills, and ask for guidance about how much you are able to give. Then complete and return the enclosed forms to the church office as appropriate.

### **Financial Pledge**

When you have decided how much you are able to give, please complete the Planned Giving pledge form so that we can keep a record of your response. If your circumstances change you can, of course, alter how much you give, but it helps us to plan for the year ahead if we know what our income is likely to be.

# All Hallows by the Tower

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# When you have completed your Stewardship Response Forms, please return them to:

# The Stewardship Secretary All Hallows by the Tower Byward Street London EC3R 5BJ

Thank you

#### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

We would like to keep you informed about what is happening at All Hallows, as well as in churches, parishes and other organisations associated with the church, including news, meetings, events, campaigns and activities which may be of interest to you. Under the new General Data Protection Regulations, we need your consent to do this. If you are happy to be contacted by us, please tick the relevant boxes below.

We sometimes work with other groups and churches, and with the Diocese itself. These communications may also appear on the internet, social media or in printed or electronic form. Occasionally names and/or photos may appear in newsletters, bulletins, websites or social media.

Your privacy is important to us, and all information supplied will be kept confidential. We will never give your personal data to other companies or organisations unless it is legally required, eg for Gift Aid purposes.

You can find out more about how we use your personal data by reading our privacy notice, which is available on the church noticeboard and on our parish website at www.ahbtt.org.uk/contact/privacy

#### I would like to receive communications from All Hallows by: (please tick all which apply)

D post

□ email (if yes, please supply email address):

□ telephone (if yes, please supply tel no)

□ mobile inc texts (if yes, please supply mob no)

□ social media

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:



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# STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FORMS

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#### PLANNED GIVING FORM

Title: First Name:
Surname:
Address:
Postcode:
Email:
I promise to support the ministry of All Hallows by the Tower by making a regular contribution of:
£ each week/month/quarter/year* (delete as appropriate)
commencing on:
(date)
I would like to pay my contribution by:
Standing Order which I have set up online for: All Hallows by the Tower 60-83-01 20231406
Weekly Envelopes in the collection plate
I would like all my donations to be treated as Gift Aid (please complete the relevant form)
☐ I cannot give regularly but would like to make a one- off donation by: <u>cheque</u> ( <i>enclosed</i> ) to All Hallows by the Tower <b>or</b> <u>online</u> at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate ( <i>please delete as appropriate</i> )
I would someone to contact me about leaving a Legacy to the church in my will
Signed:
Date:
Please complete and return this Planned Giving form, along with your Gift Aid Declaration if applicable.

#### **GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM**

Title: First Name:
Surname:
Surname:
Address:
Postcode:
Email:

Please treat as Gift Aid all donations made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/ or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

### <u>NOTES</u>

- 1. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.
- 2. Please notify the church if you
  - Want to cancel this declaration
  - Change your name or home address
  - No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated.
- 3. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please complete and return this form along with your Planned Giving Form if applicable.

## **VOLUNTEERING FORM**

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	Sidespeople - to offer a warm welcome and assist visitors during services
	Intercessors - to lead the prayers during services
	Lesson Readers - to do bible readings during services
	Servers - to assist the clergy during services
	Hospitality - to prepare and serve refreshments after services and other parish events
	Sound system and live streaming
	Sunday school assistant (subject to DBS check)
	Other - if you have a particular interest, skill or area of expertise you can offer, please indicate here
Sign	ed:
Dat	e:

Please complete and return this form along with your Planned Giving Form if applicable.